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AUTOMATICALLY DRILLING  
AND BACKREAMING A  
HORIZONTAL BORE  
UNDERGROUND

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

TRANSMITTAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT BEFORE MAILING DATE OF EITHER A FINAL ACTION  
OR NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE (37 C.F.R. 1.97(c))

1. The Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed after three months of the filing date of this application or the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in §1.491 in an international application, or after the mailing date of the first Office action on the merits, whichever event occurred last but before the mailing date of either:

- (1) a final action under §1.113; or
- (2) a notice of allowance under § 1.311,

whichever occurs first.

STATEMENT OR FEE

2. Accompanying this transmittal is

(check either A or B below)

A. ☐ a statement as specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e).

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8

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OR

- B. ☒ the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) for submission of an Information Disclosure Statement under §1.97(c) in the amount of \$240.00.

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3. Applicant elects the option to pay the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) for submission of an information disclosure statement under § 1.97(c)

Fee due \$240.00

**METHOD OF PAYMENT OF FEE**

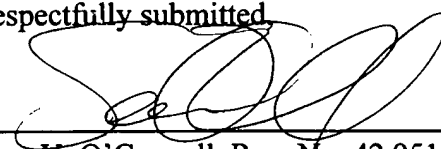
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- ☐ Attached is a check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ Charge Account No. 13-2493 in the amount of \$240.00.  
A duplicate of this request is attached.
- ☒ If any additional fees are due, please charge Account No. 13-2493.

**ADDITIONAL ENCLOSURES**

5. ☒ Form PTO-1449 (Modified)
- ☒ A pre-addressed postcard is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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